

I purchased XM Satellite Radio more than two years ago, and I tell anyone who will listen that it was the best money I ever spent. I purchased my XM system to liberate myself from the staid, cookie cutter programming being delivered by my local AM and FM stations in the Denver metro area. XM's programming is far superior to anything I can get over the air. Instead of hearing the same song 6 times a day across 3-4 different stations, I now get to hear the music I want to hear ... plus news, comedy, etc. My hope is that one day XM will either put all local stations out of business or at least force them to deliver a product that consumers actually want. I can think of no other organization that, on every position it takes, attempt to stifle innovation and creativity more than the NAB. Please reject NAB's petition 04-160 and give consumers a choice in the programming they receive and the vehicle for that programming. The NAB, and the stations they represent, have been providing - and will continue to provide - a sub-standard product until market conditions force that change upon them.